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**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**TOWN OF MESILLA**

**WORK SESSION**

**MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017**

**5:00 P.M.**

**TRUSTEES:** Nora L. Barraza, Mayor  
Carlos Arzabal, Mayor Pro Tem  
Jesus Caro, Trustee (absent)  
Linda L. Flores, Trustee (arrived at 5:56 p.m.)  
Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Trustee

**STAFF:** Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Town Clerk/Treasurer  
K.C. Alberg, Marshal  
Kevin Hoban, Fire Chief  
Debbie Lujan, Public Works Director  
Gloria Maya, Recorder

**PUBLIC:**

Mayor Barraza opened the work session at 5:03 p.m.

**1. Discussion on the Town of Mesilla 2017-2018 Budget.**

Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez gave a presentation on the Town of Mesilla 2017-2018 Budget.

Mayor Barraza stated we were not expecting such a big cut in the Small City Assistance. We were told that when the state is not doing well it is reflected in the Small City Assistance distribution; \$90k is the minimum a city can receive.

Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez responded it is also based on population, Compensating Tax, Telecom, Gross Receipt Tax, and the state's economy.

1 Trustee Johnson-Burick asked if a smaller that does not have high Gross Receipts will receive more in  
2 Small City Assistance.

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4 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez responded yes. She stated the City of Truth or Consequences and the City  
5 Bayard also took a hit.

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7 Mayor Barraza stated there is a .2% cut in the budget so all departments had to cut in order to come up  
8 with a balanced budget. This is all preliminary; also there is a 1% increase in medical benefits.

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10 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal asked, for the record, no one has gotten a pay increase except for a longevity  
11 employees and the officers. All employees pay has remained the same.

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13 Mayor Barraza stated the 1% increase in health benefits, five (5) and ten (10) raises, and the officers are  
14 reflected in personnel.

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16 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez stated there are no raises. The difference depends on staff changes as well.  
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18 Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal stated the 2017-18 salaries should be exactly the same as the 2016-2017 budget.  
19 He does not want it to get where we are picking and choosing who gets raises. That is not good at all.  
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21 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated in lieu of not giving pay increases the town is picking up the 1% increase  
22 in medical benefits.  
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24 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez responded part of the increase is passed down to the employee.  
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26 Mayor Barraza asked how much is being passed down to the employee.

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28 Ms. Maya responded the 1% is on the annual premium. The employee will pay 10% or 20% of the  
29 premium.  
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31 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez stated the employee will feel the increase.  
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33 Mayor Barraza stated Judge Frieze requested an increase of \$3,500 in travel/conference/training. This  
34 was adjusted through other line items. He also requested .5 Court Clerk at \$10 for 48 hours per pay  
35 period. That is not reflected in the budget as presented.

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Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez stated the full-time clerk has been budgeted at 80 hours per pay period.

Mayor Barraza stated she only working 72 hours but was budgeted for 80 hours.

Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez responded she does come in when there is an arraignment.

Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal asked why we budget for 80 hours if she works 72 hours.

Mayor Barraza responded that is what Judge Frieze requested.

Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez responded he sent a memo in January requesting a change from 72 hours to 80 hours. He gets a copy of the budget so she does not know why he did not know she was at the 80 hours.

Mayor Barraza responded she does not know why she was working the 72 hours.

Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal stated he wishes the court had their own budget; spoke to DFA who indicated that could not happen.

Mayor Barraza responded Ms. Carbajal does not qualify for overtime.

Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez stated there was a discussion regarding her receiving overtime.

Mayor Barraza stated we thought if she wants to work 72 hours he could bring someone in to work the 8 hours on a flex schedule.

Trustee Johnson-Burick stated they could hire someone at a lower rate.

Mayor Barraza stated the court is open 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Fridays.

Trustee Johnson-Burick asked if insurance is based on salary.

Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez responded insurance is based on years of service.

1 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez regarding Corrections Fund she does not see it worth fighting over what the  
2 judge wants to budget.

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4 Mayor Barraza stated revenue source for citations is low; not even at half way mark.

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6 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez stated the Corrections Fund and Court Automation are reimbursable funds that  
7 go to the state. Part of what is collected for fines goes to the state. The General Fund Court Fine, which  
8 he imposes, is what the town gets.

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10 Mayor Barraza stated the Parking Fund is ridiculously low in terms to what we have received. She is  
11 hoping to see that increase significantly by the time we approve the budget. Business Licenses have been  
12 renewed and parking fees should have been collected. We need to find a measure to collect them.

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14 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez responded the fees have been charged but have not been collected.

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16 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated there is a Deputy at a lesser pay and asked if it should be reflected.

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18 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez responded Lieutenant Shepan' s increase did not take place until the end of last  
19 fiscal year which was not a big budget increase until this year.

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21 Mayor Barraza responded this year' s budget reflects the differences.

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23 Mr. Stoechner-Hernandez stated Lieutenant Shepan was the only one out of the entire CBA that received a  
24 significant increase.

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26 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated she hopes the SRO does not decrease.

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28 Mayor Barraza stated she and the Department Heads met with the Las Cruces Public Schools  
29 Superintendent who assured us that public safety is a priority on his list. He is not cutting anything in  
30 public safety for the schools. We indicated that the town pays a portion of the salary and if there was any  
31 way they could pick that up we would appreciate it.

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33 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated it is very depressing to see this budget knowing that our Gross Receipt  
34 Taxes have increased; it must now have been enough that we have to cut so much. The decrease in the

1 Small City Assistance was huge and could not be recouped through the GRT. There was a 71.22%  
2 decrease in charges for services.

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4 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez responded those are administration fees and rental fees. In past years we  
5 received administration fees from HIDTA and rental fees for the Community Center. Town staff was  
6 utilizing the building so we were not collecting rent. We are in the process of renting out the spaces at the  
7 Community Center.

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9 Trustee Johnson-Burick asked about Fines and Forfeit.

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11 Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez responded those fees are brought in from the court.

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13 Mayor Barraza stated there will be another work session before the next board meeting. She asked the  
14 board to review the budget and to bring forth any questions to Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez.

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16 Trustee Johnson-Burick reiterated she is still very disappointed with the figures. We will not be immune  
17 to what is happening across the state.

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19 Mayor Barraza stated it is very depressing. We are doing great in terms of GRT but it is offsetting the hit  
20 we had from Small City Assistance and Municipal Court Fines. We need to continue to be conservative  
21 with the budget as there are so many uncertainties. The governor has not signed the budget bill so we do  
22 not know what to anticipate for the future. This is a conservative budget; departments had to cut  
23 operations in order to have a balanced budget. Our GRT is coming in as projected. We are anticipating  
24 an increase in GRT due to the Hutchinson purchase of Hotel Mesilla and Dr. Schaefer proposed distillery.

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26 Mayor Barraza closed the work session at 5:55 p.m.

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3 **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
4 **TOWN OF MESILLA**  
5 **REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
6 **MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2017**  
7 **6:00 P.M.**  
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9 **TRUSTEES:** Nora L. Barraza, Mayor  
10 Carlos Arzabal, Mayor Pro Tem (absent)  
11 Jesus Caro, Trustee  
12 Linda L. Flores, Trustee  
13 Stephanie Johnson-Burick, Trustee  
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15 **STAFF:** Cynthia Stoechner-Hernandez, Town Clerk/Treasurer  
16 K.C. Alberg, Marshal  
17 Kevin Hoban, Fire Chief  
18 Debbie Lujan, Public Works Director  
19 Irene Parra, Special Events Coordinator  
20 Larry Shannon, Community Development  
21 Gloria Maya, Recorder  
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23 **PUBLIC:** Teresa Phillips Diana Taylor  
24 Daphine Baca Ella Nelson  
25 Sally Williams Bill Perry  
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27 **1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

28 Mayor Barraza led the Pledge of Allegiance.  
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30 Mayor Barraza held a moment of silence for Ms. Esther Gallegos.  
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32 **2. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

33 **Roll Call.**

34 **Present: Mayor Barraza, Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal, Trustee Flores, Trustee Johnson-Burick.**  
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1           **3. CHANGES/APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

2 Trustee Flores requested posting item a: Resolution 2017-04 until Trustee Caro is in attendance

3 **Motion: To postpone Resolution 2017-04, Moved by Trustee Flores, Seconded by Mayor Pro**  
4 **Tem Arzabal.**

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6 Mayor Barraza stated this item was placed on the agenda as we were not aware that Trustee Caro would  
7 not be attending tonight's meeting.

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9 **Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes =3).**

10 **Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes**

11 **Trustee Flores Yes**

12 **Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes**

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14 **Motion: To approve agenda as amended, Moved by Trustee Flores, Seconded by Trustee Johnson-**  
15 **Burick.**

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17 **Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes =3).**

18 **Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes**

19 **Trustee Flores Yes**

20 **Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes**

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22           **4. PROCLAMATIONS:**

23           **a.** A Proclamation declaring April 9 – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017, as National Public Safety  
24 Telecommunications Week in the Town of Mesilla.

25 Fire Chief Hoban read the proclamation declaring April 9<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 as National Public Safety  
26 Telecommunications Week in the Town of Mesilla. The MVRDA personnel are highly trained and  
27 required to be certified in all aspects of telecommunications including the use of pre-arrival instructions.  
28 They are totally involved and immersed in the day to day activities of emergency services. The personnel  
29 are the first, first responders and the only tool they have is their voice and knowledge.

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31           **5. PUBLIC INPUT** – The public is invited to address the Board for up to 3 minutes.

32 Ms. Teresa Phillips asked the board to support and to take a stand by supporting a resolution against the  
33 cooperation by the deputies with the *migra*. She spoke about a friend, Julia and her family who have  
34 always worked in whatever they could. The family has medical care through Ben Archer and do not get

1 any other government subsidies. They are law abiding people but live in fear of separation. This  
2 resolution would show them their existence is not threatened.

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4 Mr. Pat Taylor agreed with Ms. Phillips and asked the board to take it to heart. He hopes that his  
5 concerns brought forth regarding parking are in the finished document. He is displeased on how public  
6 participation has changed. This modification limits the way public can interject during the meeting which  
7 affects the attendance. He would like to be more affective by listening and participating in all the cases  
8 and not feel that his voice, as well as others, is not allowed to be heard.

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10 Ms. Daphne Baca agreed with Ms. Phillips. It is very important. She is concerned that American citizens  
11 have been mistakenly detained, quite a few, and once you are in the Immigration system it is hard to get  
12 out.

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14 Ms. Sally Williams asked the Town of Mesilla to pass a resolution against the wall and ICE. Our citizens  
15 are put in terror; kids are kept out of schools. She moved to this community because of the rich, Hispanic  
16 heritage; it is such a deep part of who we are. We were Mexico not that long ago and for our citizens that  
17 have been here for generations to have to worry if their families will be home when they return is beyond  
18 belief to her. If there is one community in this area that should stand up for our citizens it is Mesilla.  
19 She also agreed with Mr. Taylor's comment regarding public input. Not being able to interject when the  
20 item comes up on the agenda has made it difficult to be involved as much as she would like to be.

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22 Ms. Ella Nelson stated people are afraid to do what they have to do to take care of their families. Several  
23 years ago herself, son and daughters were working in the fields of their farm, a Border Patrol Agent  
24 stopped and asked her for her papers. She looked at him, told him she was born here and asked him how  
25 long had he been here. Makes you think how often does this happens; just because they are brown. You  
26 worry about the people working at jobs that no one else would do. It is sad that people have to live like  
27 that. Who decides who the criminal is and who isn't?

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29 Mr. Manuel Lopez agreed with the comments being made. His question is what can do the trustees do to  
30 address the issue. Other entities have passed resolutions to not use resources to enforce immigration  
31 laws. The entities officers are not legally obligated to enforce immigration laws. Under the law everyone  
32 should not be discriminated against. There are communities where people are fearful to report crimes;  
33 Mesilla would not want that to happen. He asked the Board of Trustees to consider passing a resolution  
34 to send a message to the community that people regardless of their immigration status will not be arrested  
35 because of that.



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2 Mr. Peter Hob stated he is an immigrant; he chose to come here. He has never been discriminated  
3 against. He is lucky but other people are not that lucky because of the way they look. The trustees need  
4 to put it in writing so the people that may be discriminated against have a backup.  
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6 **6. \*APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA – The Board will be asked to approve by one**  
7 **motion the following items of recurring or routine business. The Consent Agenda is marked**  
8 **with an asterisk \*:**

9 **Motion: To approve consent agenda, Moved by Trustee Flores, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem**  
10 **Arzabal.**

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12 Trustee Flores asked for clarification regarding new proposal and changes on PZHAC Case 060526.  
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14 Mr. Shannon responded that was a typo and should not be in there as there are no conditions.  
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16 **Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 3).**

17 **Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes**

18 **Trustee Flores Yes**

19 **Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes**  
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21 **a. \*BOT MINUTES – Regular Meeting and Work Session** minutes of Monday, March 27,  
22 *2017. Approved by consent agenda*

23 **b. \*PZHAC CASE 060526 – 2156 Calle de Los Huertos, Apt. 2B, submitted by Matilde**  
24 **Estrada; a request for a building permit to enclose a porch, replace windows and doors, and**  
25 **add a 6-foot extension to the east side of a rental dwelling at this address. Historical**  
26 **Residential (HR). *Approved by consent agenda***

27 **c. \*PZHAC CASE 060529 – 2195 Calle de Santa Ana, submitted by Kay D’Antonio, a request**  
28 **for a building permit to construct stuccoed block walls to close off the back yard on a**  
29 **property at this address. Zoned: Historic Residential (HR). *Approved by consent agenda***

30 **d. \*PZHAC CASE 060530 – 2232 Calle de Arroyo, submitted by Eric Liefeld; a request for a**  
31 **building permit to build a temporary 5’by 3’ adobe wall for test and research purposes.**  
32 **Zoned: Historic Residential (HR). *Approved by consent agenda***  
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34 **7. OLD BUSINESS:**

1 a. Resolution 2017-04: A Resolution Opposing the Proposed Border Wall Along the  
2 US/Mexico Border. – *Requested by Trustee Jesus Caro. Postponed*

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4 b. For Approval: Ordinance 2017-01: An ordinance amending and enacting certain sections of  
5 the Mesilla Town Code: Title 18.60.170, “Parking Requirements and Fees.” – *Larry*  
6 *Shannon, Community Development Coordinator.*

7 Mr. Shannon reviewed the recommendations and changes from the last meeting.

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9 Trustee Flores indicated there were typos page 58. She wants to insure that Business Licenses will not be  
10 issued until parking fees have been paid.

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12 **Motion: To approve Ordinance 2017-01: An ordinance amending and enacting certain sections of**  
13 **the Mesilla Town Code: Title 18.60.170, “Parking Requirements and Fees”, Moved by Mayor Pro**  
14 **Tem Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee Flores.**

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16 **Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 3).**

17 **Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes**

18 **Trustee Flores Yes**

19 **Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes**

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21 **8. NEW BUSINESS:**

22 a. For Approval – Agreement **MES2017-01**: A contract allowing the Town of Mesilla Fire  
23 Department to use the technical services of Physio Control, Inc. – *Kevin Hoban, Fire Chief.*

24 Fire Chief Hoban stated this contract is put forth every year for equipment maintenance. The increases  
25 are due to the fact the machines are aging. Due to the state cuts we are unable to purchase new machines.  
26 It is important to approve this contract in order to keep current equipment in operational readiness. The  
27 contract includes software updates. One of the savings is that maintenance is schedule when the company  
28 comes to do AMR equipment.

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30 **Motion: To approve Agreement MES2017-01: A contract allowing the Town of Mesilla Fire**  
31 **Department to use the technical services of Physio Control, Inc., Moved by Mayor Pro Tem**  
32 **Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee Flores.**

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34 **Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 3).**

35 **Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes**

1 **Trustee Flores Yes**

2 **Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes**

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4 **b.** For Approval – Amendment to Agreement **MES2016-03: A Memorandum of Agreement**  
5 **Between the Town of Mesilla, for the benefit of the Mesilla Fire Department, and the Energy,**  
6 **Minerals and Natural Resources Department, State Parks Division. – *Kevin Hoban, Fire***  
7 ***Chief.***

8 Fire Chief Hoban stated we entered into a Memorandum of Agreement last year with the State Parks  
9 Division. Mesilla Valley Bosque is proving space for the brush truck at no charge. The agreement was  
10 for one year to evaluate the impact it had on their operations as well as the towns. There has been no  
11 negative impact on either side. We receive funding from the State Fire Marshal office to for maintaining  
12 the station. We are replacing Section 5; MOU will be perpetuity until such time either party will give  
13 ninety (90) days.

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15 **Motion: To approve – Amendment to Agreement MES2016-03: A Memorandum of Agreement**  
16 **Between the Town of Mesilla, for the benefit of the Mesilla Fire Department, and the Energy,**  
17 **Minerals and Natural Resources Department, State Parks Division, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem**  
18 **Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee Flores.**

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20 **Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 3).**

21 **Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes**

22 **Trustee Flores Yes**

23 **Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes**

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25 Fire Chief Hoban thanked the board for their support.

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27 **c.** Resolution 2017-05: Adopting an asset management plan and a Reserve Policy for the Town  
28 of Mesilla. – *Debbie Lujan, Public Works Director.*

29 Ms. Lujan stated the state is requiring all entities to have an Asset Management in order to get funding.

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31 Ms. Sonja Jamilla stated this is a critical element in pursuing state funding. The state outline was  
32 followed and worked with the town staff on the five (5) components; mapping and evaluating the current  
33 safety access. We looked at the level of service and established goals. Many of the goals were  
34 understood by staff but not documented. They are now documented and can be used to measure progress  
35 over time to see if goals are being achieved. This can evaluate what actions need attention today instead

1 of tomorrow; prioritizing and documenting. The town does this through the ICIP but now procedures will  
2 be documented. Last elements are prioritizing the project and needs and identifying funding sources.  
3 There is a lot of good information; just a matter getting on paper in the proper format.

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5 Trustee Flores asked if there is a definition for long term maintenance or should that be defined.

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7 Ms. Sonja Jamilla responded it has not been defined but can be added.

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9 Trustee Flores stated this was really interesting and helpful. We depend on Ms. Lujan to tell us what  
10 needs to be done. It would have been nicer to have comparisons to other towns. It was interesting to look  
11 at the methodology on page 13. She asked how the photos were selected.

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13 Ms. Sonja Jamilla responded we identified a number of sites and randomly selected.

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15 Trustee Flores stated so there was no science and not statistically why seventeen (17) roads and not forty  
16 (40) roads were identified.

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18 Ms. Sonja Jamilla responded it was not scientifically, it was more a matter of time to get an analysis done.

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20 Trustee Flores asked if the town has access to the 4,000 photos.

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22 Ms. Sonja Jamilla responded the flash drive with the photos along with the GIS data will be delivered to  
23 the town.

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25 Trustee Flores stated she is assuming the reason they chose seventeen (17) sites is because they were not  
26 able to analyze all of the photos.

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28 Ms. Sonja Jamilla inaudible If it is an interest to the town; there are companies that do a hundred  
29 percent analysis which cost more.

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31 Mayor Barraza stated Souder Miller has been doing work with us so is familiar with the projects being  
32 worked on.

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34 Trustee Flores stated the Asset Management reads that buildings have sixty (6) years of useful life. She  
35 asked if that is a reasonable assumption for Mesilla who tries to maintain the historic sites.

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Ms. Sonja Jamilla responded that comes from Asset Management Reports. The goal of Asset Management is that it is long term. The intention is to revisit these plans; it will continue to be set at sixty (60) years.

Trustee Flores stated she understands they want to measure our use of utilities and the equipment. She asked if that is included in the plan.

Ms. Sonja Jamilla responded they did not look at the bills and what was budgeted for power.

Trustee Flores stated it addresses equates utility tracking/cost and asked if that would include utility tracking.

Ms. Sonja Jamilla responded not really.

Trustee Johnson-Burick asked if the Raasaf area should be removed since they are not part of Mesilla (page 4, first paragraph).

Mayor Barraza stated the second paragraph reads population is 2,196 which is based on the 2010 census.

Trustee Johnson-Burick stated she does not believe we put that we annexed this land because we didn't. It was found illegal.

Mayor Barraza responded it was annexed for a short time and then it went to appeals. The board chose not to pursue the annexation.

Ms. Sonja Jamilla responded the paragraph will be removed.

Trustee Johnson-Burick state it reads there will be a population growth in the next ten (10) years of 208 individuals. Mesilla is limited in terms of space and asked if this is based on property and land that has not been filled.

Ms. Sonja responded this is a linear projection we did not look at available property.

Trustee Johnson-Burick stated there is a typo under financing on page 7; should be disadvantaged.

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**Motion: To approve Resolution 2017-05: Adopting an asset management plan and a Reserve Policy for the Town of Mesilla, Moved by Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal, Seconded by Trustee Flores.**

Trustee Flores asked if the town has a program for disadvantaged customers and is that required by the state. She believes this address when a customer cannot pay their utility bills.

Mayor Barraza responded the utility department does their best to work with customers. There are the repeated customers that make it difficult.

Ms. Sonja Jamilla stated that is not required by the state.

Ms. Lujan stated New Mexico Department of Finance will review this before it is brought to the trustees. The DFA was pleased with the document; easy to follow.

Mayor Barraza stated Ms. Jamilla will make the changes. This was a very well done document.

**Roll Call Vote: Motion passed (summary: Yes = 3).**

**Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal Yes**

**Trustee Flores Yes**

**Trustee Johnson-Burick Yes**

**9. \*STAFF REPORTS:**

- Community Development
- Community Programs
- Finance Department
- Fire Department
- Marshal's Department
- Public Works Department

**10. BOARD OF TRUSTEE COMMENTS**

Mayor Pro Tem Arzabal asked if the town looked into the parking fees brought up by Mr. Taylor.

Mayor Barraza stated she went to the property and took pictures. There is a sign that reads Private Parking. If it is private parking no one is allowed to park on the property. It is not designated as parking

1 for any one business. It would be hard to say it is parking for customers since there is no signage for  
2 public parking. We cannot determine that that parking is solely for the businesses.

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4 Trustee Johnson-Burick stated Marshal Alberg brought up the cat population at a prior meeting. On  
5 February 1<sup>st</sup> she had 3 feral cats show up at her house; she feed them as it is not their fault. It is a people  
6 problem not a cat problem. Even though her dog was injured by the three (3) cats she is feeding them.  
7 Some cats came from the businesses that closed shop. All sixteen (16) cats have been fixed by the  
8 organization, Broken Promises. She is now the proud owner of three (3) feral cats that have been  
9 vaccinated, microchipped, fixed; they will not be reproducing. This was all done humanly. Just one  
10 phone call and it was amazing. She is asking the residents to help solve these problems humanly. She  
11 will be working with a neighbor who has a cat colony. This organization does not charge for these  
12 services. Read the thank you letter she received from Broken Promises. All of us can do what is right.

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14 Mayor Barraza stated she wished more people would be responsible.

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16 Trustee Flores stated she paid around \$200 to get a cat fixed a few years ago. She would like to have a  
17 resolution opposing immigration, custom enforcement raids on the next agenda as well as the resolution  
18 opposing the wall.

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20 Mayor Barraza asked that Trustee Flores submit a resolution, the way she wants it, to Ms. Stoechner-  
21 Hernandez.

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23 Trustee Flores stated we passed a resolution capping interest rate at 36%. When they got rid of caps the  
24 industry said they would never charge over 100%. The legislators were told the market would make sure  
25 it never happened. Governor Martinez signed a resolution capping it at 175%. She spoke to Rep. Bill  
26 McCamley who said he thought about not supporting it and realizes it is pretty lame. He promised he  
27 would continue to work on cutting more. She encourages everyone to ask their legislators what they are  
28 going to do, make them accountable because this is ridiculous. Many of our legislators, as well as the  
29 governor, have gotten money from this industry. Let them know that you know they have gotten money  
30 from those industries. You still want them to be accountable to the people of New Mexico. Rep.  
31 McCamley stated he would like to give an update to the board. We cannot expect any Capital Outlay.

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33 Mayor Barraza stated at the District 7 meeting, bills were highlighted that they were not sure if Governor  
34 Martinez was going to veto. We spent time going over bills and how they would affect municipalities.  
35 From her stand point it looks very grim. Now we now that Governor Martinez did veto several bills. We

1 continue to move on. She was elected as District 7 Director to represent the New Mexico Municipal  
2 League. There is an opening for Maintenance Worker. The gentleman we offered the position to had  
3 accepted another job. A Newsletter will go out by Wednesday; information regarding the Comprehensive  
4 Plan will be included. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Community  
5 Center. There will be a short survey included to get information from our constituents on how to address  
6 the infrastructure needs. There is no money in the budget and there will no Capital Outlay funding.  
7 The offices will be closed on Friday. There will be a worksession on the budget at 5:00 p.m. before the  
8 next board meeting. She and Ms. Stoechner-Hernandez will be attending a budget workshop hosted by  
9 Department of Finance. The Easter Bunny will be on the plaza on Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

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11 Ms. Parra stated we will be distributing about 2,000 Easter eggs to about 150 students. We will be  
12 starting our Friday evening market. Mr. David Valenzuela will perform from 6:00-8:00 p.m.; vendors  
13 will be on the plaza from 4:00-8:00 p.m. until we start our Summer Music Series in June.

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15 Trustee Johnson-Burick asked if the vendors will be on the plaza all day.

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17 Ms. Parra responded some vendors will be on the plaza 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and some vendors will be  
18 on the plaza 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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20 Trustee Flores asked for the date for Raft the Rio.

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22 Mayor Barraza responded it will be on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

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24 **11. ADJOURNMENT**

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26 **The Town of Mesilla Trustees unanimously agreed to adjourn the meeting. (Summary: Yes-4)**

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28 **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:13 P.M.**

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30 **APPROVED THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2017**

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Nora L. Barraza

35 Mayor



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**ATTEST:**

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Cynthia Stoeher-Hernandez

Town Clerk/Treasurer